

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## NOVEMBER 19, 2017

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

In his first letter to the Thessalonian community Saint Paul says that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" – God will come stealing life as we know it (1 Thessalonians 5:2). If, however, we pick it up and run with it at that point, perhaps something new can be born in us.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Monday, November 20  
8:15AM Charles & Margaret Fadler by Mike & Anita  
Tuesday, November 21, Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:15AM Bob & Mary Friess by John  
Wednesday, November 22, St. Cecilia  
6PM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor  
Thursday, November 23, St. Clement I  
NO MASS  
Friday, November 24, St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions  
NO MASS  
Saturday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria  
5PM Ted & Loretta Blechle & Family  
Sunday, November 26  
9AM For the Parish

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK NOV. 19 THRU NOV. 26

Sunday	9AM Mass (Grades 5 & 6 Liturgy)
Monday	11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Beef Stew/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)
Wednesday	10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs Lodge Nursing Home 1:30PM Dismissal - BUS SERVICE 6PM Mass for Thanksgiving
Thursday	NO MASS – NO SCHOOL
Friday	NO MASS – NO SCHOOL
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Some things drop into our lives and we simply run with them. Others never go anywhere, except with a lot of prodding. The Gospel this week proposes that God comes in much the same way. God gives us five talents' worth of life or two talents' worth or even one talent's worth, and with it enough energy to double it. Sometimes, though, God drops in when we'd rather be left alone, and so we try to bury God just because the situation doesn't look very life-giving to us. Yet it can be life-giving, like the weary routine of raising children or going to the same job we've been going to for the past twenty-five years or taking care of an aging parent. Eventually we may find out that burying such life is more deadly than the risk of living it, and living it brings a higher yield than we could ever expect.

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Nov. 25 & 26: 5PM, Koby Jany, Kolton Jany; 9AM, Maison Shemonic, Brock Vasquez, Isaac Jany

#### TITHE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,148.00  
\$946.00 Improvement Fund; \$115.00 Sister Anne;  
\$105.00 Cemetery; \$1.00 Child Env.; \$17.00 Votives;  
\$5.00 Donation

WEEKLY Budget Need \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,255.78

Fiscal Year Week: 20

YTD Actual Giving: \$125,115.50

YTD Budget Need: \$140,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$14,884.50)

YTD Weekly: (\$744.23)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** We can strive in our own lives for strength and vigor and the ability to laugh at the days to come.

#### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection) for more information about this collection.

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** will host the mobile market on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 10AM in the Cohen Complex. Please call Bob Koenegstein at 826-5264 to help with the distribution. Volunteers are needed. The Pantry is in need of canned meats, fruit, and peanut butter.

**THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE** has collected \$196,242.00 for Hurricane Harvey and \$63,982.00 for Hurricane Irma. Thank you for your generosity in these collections.

**CLASS OF 2022:** The Gibault Catholic High School placement test for incoming freshmen will be given Saturday, December 2, from 8:30-11:45AM. This test is given free of charge. Please RSVP to Susan Mackin ([smackin@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:smackin@gibaulthawks.com)). TUITION OPTIONS, INVEST IN KIDS SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GIBALT SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS will be discussed at an informational meeting in the library for parents while the placement test is given.

**LET'S BEAT RED BUD:** We are collecting canned food items in an attempt to win the coveted CAN TROPHY. We want to beat Red Bud Hornets in the can collection competition. Drop off your donations in the back of church or take them to the school office. All donated food items will be delivered to the Chester Area Christian Food Pantry here in town. Winner of the competition will be announced at the basketball game on Thursday, Nov. 30.

**JOE HUBBARD'S 75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting an event to celebrate the Past President's birthday on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6PM in the gym of Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$25. Call Judy (618-567-6876) or Pat (618-394-0126 or 618-799-8505) for tickets. To donate to the renovation of the SVDP Soup Kitchen & Thrift Store to honor Joe, send it to Happy Birthday Joe, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 3415, East St. Louis, IL 62203.

**GIVING THANKS:** As many of us celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends with an abundance of food and drink, there are those in our country who do not have enough to eat. Families are struggling to secure everyday food essentials. As you gather this holiday season with your family and friends consider asking them to bring a non-perishable food item with them. Donate the items to your local food pantry. Give thanks to God for our blessings and ask Him to bless those in need.

**STILL BEING PREPARED:** This parable today is of talents, trust, and service. New Testament "talents" are big piles of money. But in this story, they are God-given free gifts and baptismal charisms. Given to be used. For the benefit of others. Not to be hidden. Fear of doing something wrong can lead to inactivity. Lack of action and playing it safe are not kingdom of God behaviors. How does God make me worthy? What does God have in store for me? How will I stay busy (not be lazy)?